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Meeting Learning Needs

> It changed my life. Before I was scrambling for low paying jobs and that's scary for a single parent. Now that part of my life is over. I've got a decent paying job.
> *(Participant, Home Support/Resident Care Aide Program, Selkirk College)*

All the colleges, university colleges and institutes in the BC public post-secondary system offer continuing education and contract training programs and services. These activities include:

- academic upgrading
- career, technical and vocational training and retraining
- onsite workplace training and retraining
- personal interest and recreation

Activities can be a few hours in duration or span many months. These provide training specific to the learners' and clients' needs that is:

- high quality
- responsive
- relevant
- accessible
- cost-effective
- affordable

Continuing education and contract training programs and services support the vision, goals, and values set out in *Charting a New Course*, the public post-secondary system's strategic plan. These programs meet the needs of learners,

employers and communities.

There were 383,927 reported enrolments in continuing education and contract training programs in 1997/98. This represents a 21% increase over 1996/97 reported enrolments.

In growing numbers, BC citizens are becoming lifelong learners!

> We can point to improved self-esteem . . . (Student) lives have changed dramatically as they practice new skills with their peers, families and their communities.
> *(Community Partner, t'asii Project, North Island College)*

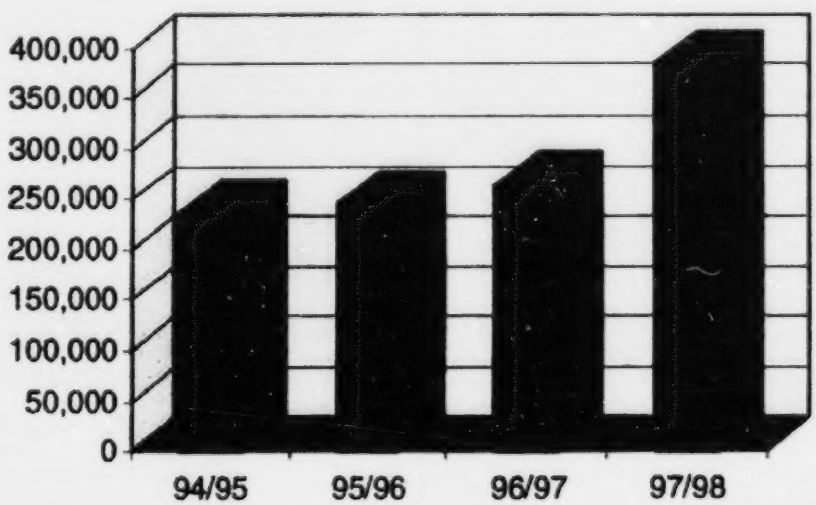
Participation

Participation in continuing education and contract training programs can be described in two ways:

- by the number of people involved in programs (see yearly enrolments chart), and
- by the time individuals spend in their programs.

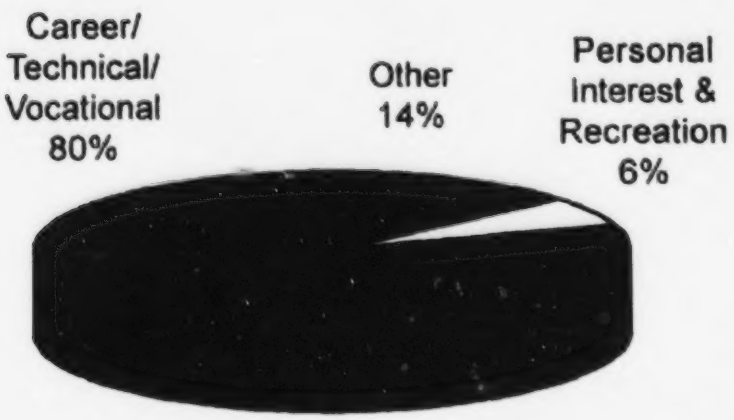
In 1997/98, BC citizens spent more than 11.88 million hours in continuing education and contract training activities in BC university colleges, colleges and institutes.

Yearly Enrolments



> This course offered me exactly what I needed and when I needed it. Congratulations on offering this course to the public and on hiring the right person to teach it.
> *Participant, Typography Program, Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design)*

Participation by Program Type



Funding Sources

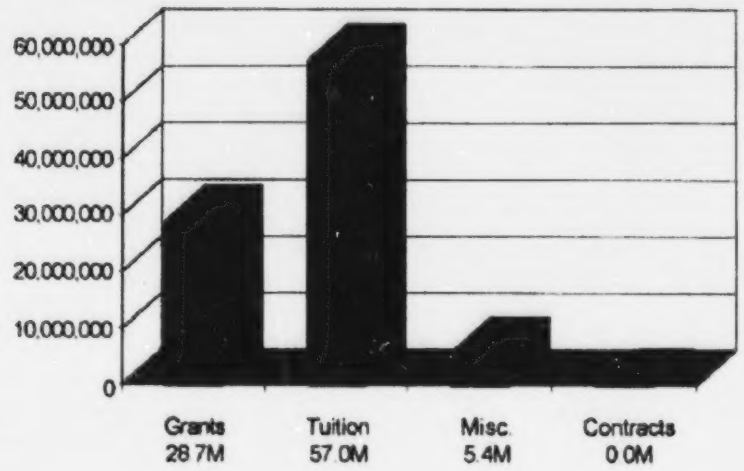
Continuing Education: Courses are delivered on a full cost recovery basis. Tuition fees are usually paid by the participating individual. Many employers pay the tuition fees for their employees.

Contract Training: Services are delivered on a full cost recovery basis. Funding comes from a variety of sources including:

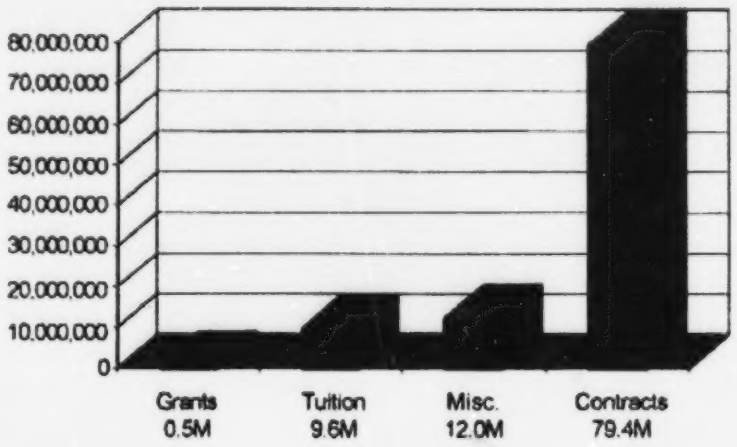
- Business, Industry and Labour
- First Nations
- Not for Profit Organizations
- Municipalities
- Provincial and Federal Government

Funding by Source

Continuing Education



Contract Training



Quick Facts

> The JI has done an exceptional job in meeting our requests and tailoring the course to our concern as much as possible. I'm very pleased with how well everything was organized and run. Great job by all.
> *(Participant, Paramedic Academy of the Justice Institute of BC)*

- 76% of enrolments were in continuing education courses; the most popular were in health, management, computer training, personal interest and recreation.
- 24% of enrolments were in contract training activities, mainly in the fields of health, law, social sciences, and adult basic education.
- The Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology purchased nearly $17 million in contract training, including contracts to serve specific groups such as the unemployed or youth.
- The federal government purchased about $14.5 million in employment related contract training for BC citizens who are taking training at public post-secondary institutions (excluding universities).
- The private sector and non-profit groups purchased more than $9 million in training.
- International contracts accounted for more than $6 million.

> I learned a lot about myself. I was having mixed feelings about communication skills, finding a job, and dealing with hard situations that arise on the job site. I know now .... I'm going to be able to deal with things and put a shining light on them instead of being in the dark.
> *(Participant, Kadeidoscope Program, College of New Caledonia)*

Contacts

The public post-secondary education system in BC includes the following institutions:

BC Institute of Technology
Camosun College
Capilano College
College of New Caledonia
College of the Rockies

Douglas College
Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design
Institute of Indigenous Government
Justice Institute of BC
Kwantlen University College
Langara College
Malaspina University-College
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
North Island College
Northern Lights College
Northwest Community College
Okanagan University College
Open Learning Agency
Selkirk College
The University College of the Cariboo
University College of the Fraser Valley
Vancouver Community College

NOTE: This report does not contain data on continuing education and contract training in BC universities.

For more information contact the Continuing Education and Contract Training Departments at the nearest post-secondary institution.

We had eight students and they were fully employed in a short time - a success.
(Human Resources Development Canada, funder of the Home Support/Resident Care Attendant Program, Selkirk College)

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